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Brook Hill School
Yellow Springs
Private

1885

The Brook Hill School was built as a two-room brick schoolhouse in 1885, replacing an earlier school on the site. The original appearance included a five-bay elevation with double entrances in the center bay and a bell cupola on the roof. After the school closed in 1940, the Yellow Springs Community Association acquired the building and added a projecting foyer over the two doorways. The inscribed stone plaque with the school name and district was retained in the southwest elevation. A concrete block kitchen and service addition was built on the northeast side of the building, perhaps in the 1960's by the current owners, the Yellow Springs Lions Club. The school is a fair example of the late 19th century two-room school plan which has been altered for other uses. Compared with other schools of the period with similar changes in use, the Brook Hill School is fairly typical.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brook Hill School (preferred)

and/or common Yellow Springs Lions Club

2. Location

street & number 8829 Yellow Springs Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Yellow Springs ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: social

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Yellow Springs Lions (sic) Club, Inc.

street & number Rt. 7 telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 697

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 146

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-92

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Brook Hill School was built as a one-story, two-room brick school in 1885 on the northeast side of Yellow Springs Road in the village of Yellow Springs about 1/4 mile southeast of the intersection of Bethel Road, near Frederick (City), Frederick County, Maryland. The date is based on land records. In the mid-1940's, after its closure as a school, the Yellow Springs Community Association added a projecting foyer on the southwest elevation. The building is currently in use as the Yellow Springs Lions Club and a concrete block addition containing a kitchen and other service rooms has been added to the northeast elevation. The former school is surrounded by a paved parking area with a lawn between the building and the edge of Yellow Springs Road.

The school has 7:1 brick exterior walls which have been sandblasted and repointed. The raised stone foundation has concrete steps rising to the entrance. The southwest elevation has five bays including the projecting entry foyer. The window arches are gauged and the sash is 6/6 with wood sills. The entrance has a replacement 6-panel door with a transom and sidelights. Modern globe lamps flank the doorway. Above the foyer is an inset stone plaque identifying the building as Brook Hill School No. 3, District No. 21. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The concrete block addition on the northeast elevation has a shed roof and entrances on the end walls. The interior of the building was not observed, but it is assumed that the original two-room configuration has been considerably altered. In a July 1992 Frederick News-Post article about a quilt recently made by local resident Ruth Brickhouse picturing various historic buildings in the Yellow Springs area, the school is shown with double entrances in the central bay, a central bell cupola, and interior end chimneys. Only one of the chimneys remains in the west gable end.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1885

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Brook Hill School is a fair example of the late 19th century two-room schoolhouse in Frederick County. The addition of an entrance foyer and a concrete block service area after 1940, the removal of the cupola, and the sandblasting of the exterior has reduced its historical integrity, but the retention of the stone plaque with the school name and the general form of the two-room school type convey a minimal feeling of the original use and appearance. Built in 1885, the school replaced an earlier structure which is shown on the 1858 and 1873 maps of Frederick County. Brook Hill was the 19th century name for the village of Yellow Springs. While several examples of the two-room type of school built in the last quarter of the 19th century in the County are still extant, most have been altered for other uses, with additions and modern materials. In this context, the Brook Hill School is a typical representative.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-3-92

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acresQuadrangle name Frederick, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone			Easting			Northing			

B

Zone			Easting			Northing			

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 2 acres centered on the former school on Tax Map 56, Parcel 217.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date October 1992street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

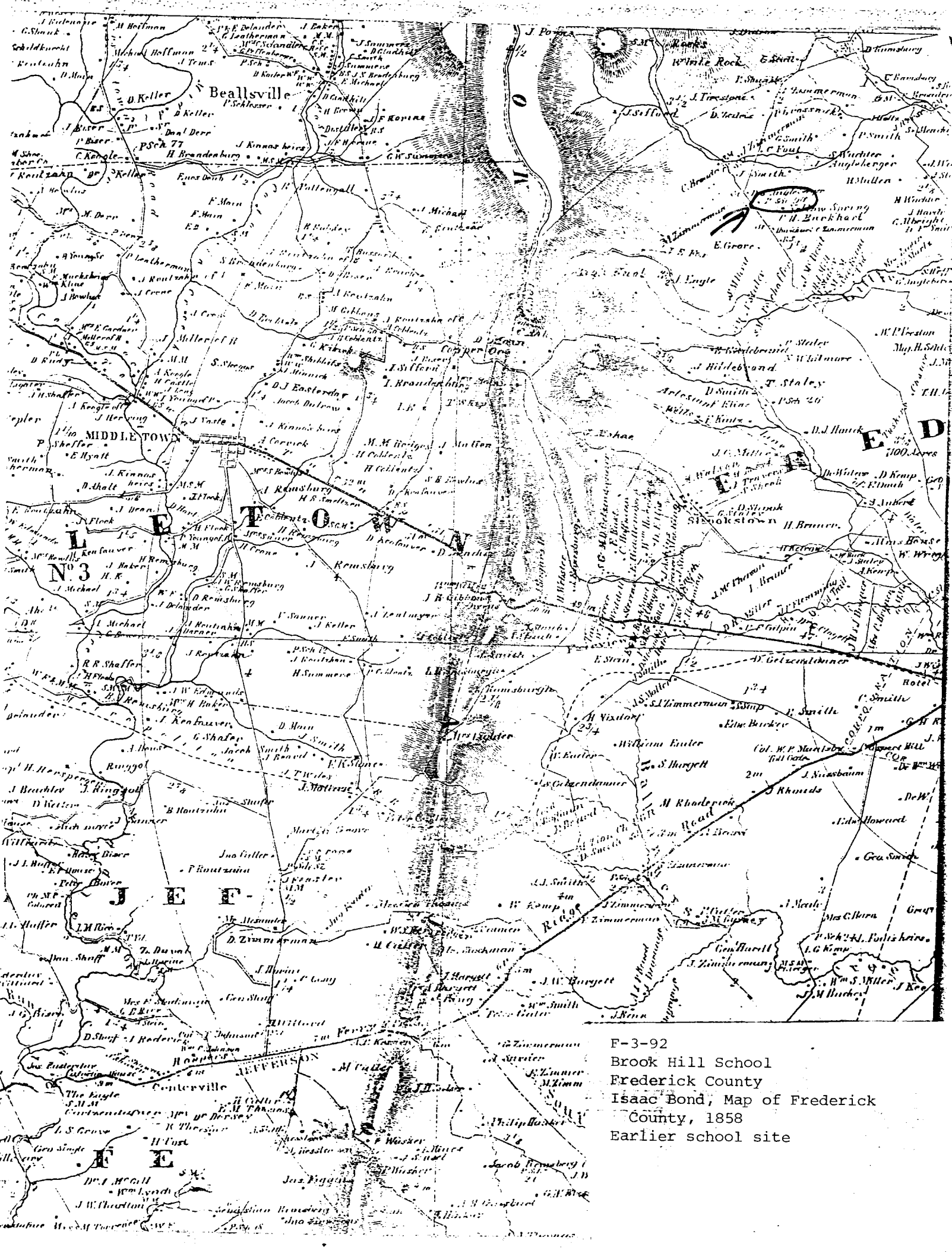
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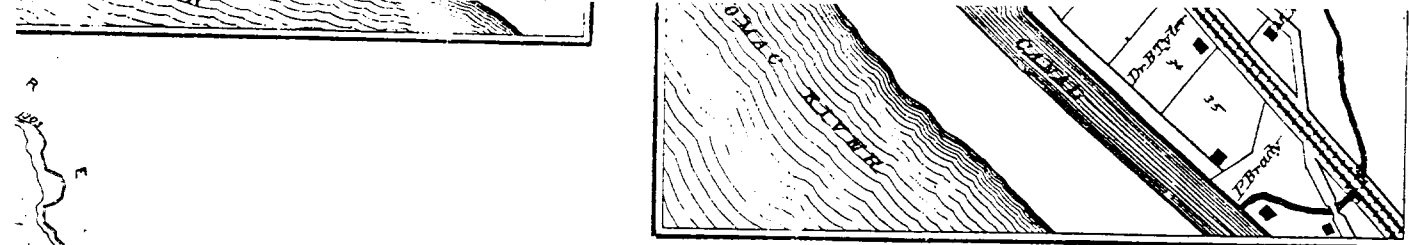
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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Yellow Springs School LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
697/140 27 Dec 63	Yellow Springs Lyons (sic) Club, Inc.	Margaret A. Young & Margaret M. Young Committee of S. Price Young, incompetent	23.648A.		
376/264 436/388 27 Nov 41	Yellow Springs Community Assn.	Board of Education of Trid. Co.	"Brook Hill School"		
AF 11/303 25 Jul 1885	Board of County School Commissioners	Albert W. Burkhardt	3/4A.	\$100	

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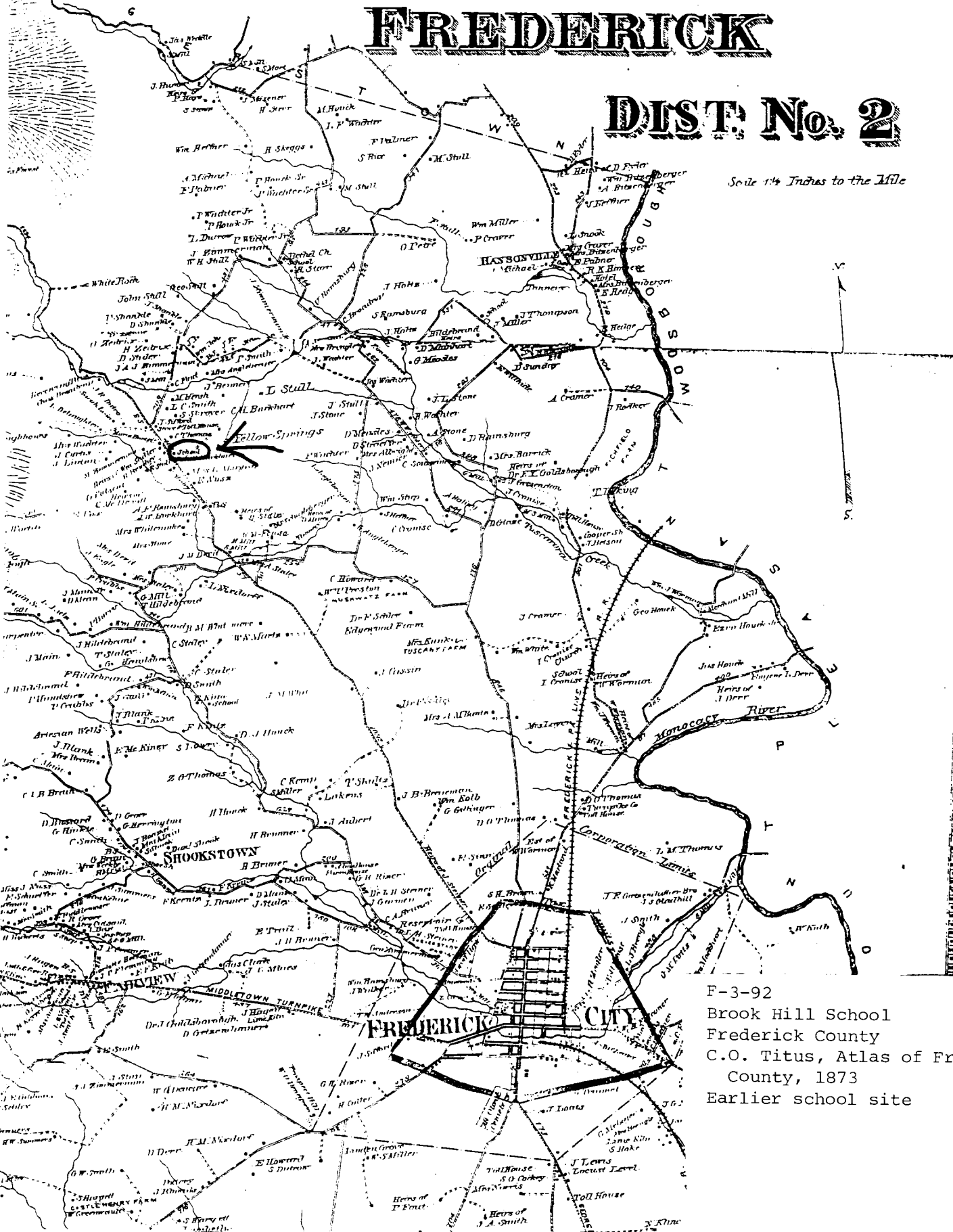
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858
Earlier school site



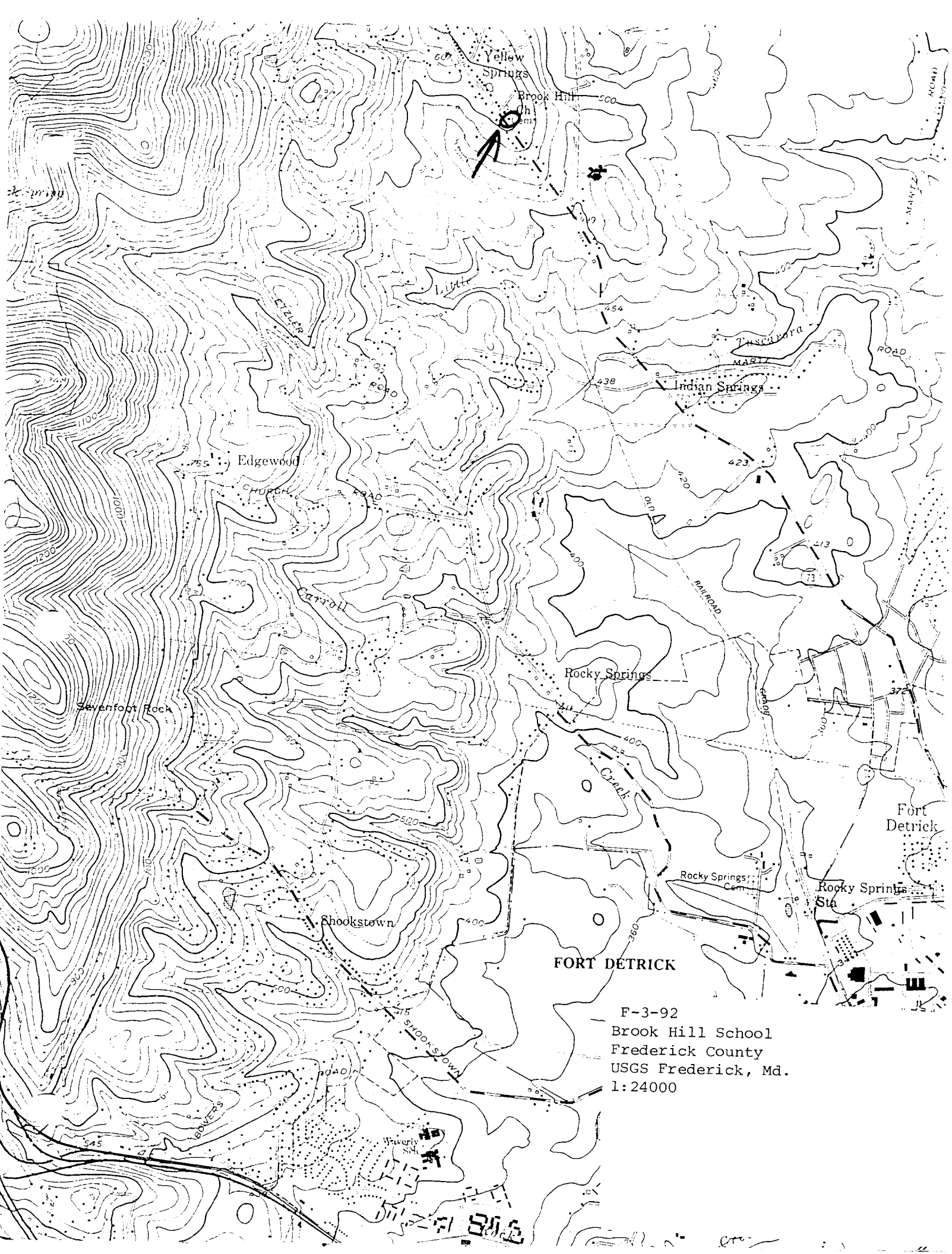
FREDERICK

DIST. No. 2

Scale 1/4 Inches to the Mile



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South elevation

1/2



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North elevation

2/2